

DETAILED ACTION

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 1-30 are pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner stated that claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6437818 to Ludwig et al. (hereinafter “Ludwig”).

Applicant respectfully disagrees that Ludwig teaches or suggests every limitation of the previously presented claims. For example, Applicant does not believe that Ludwig teaches or suggests that the bundled endpoint address information is automatically obtained from each of the client devices based on associated services use when a new media type is added. However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended the claim to include the following limitations: the multimedia collaboration system configured to: automatically obtain the endpoint address information from each of the client devices; associate a plurality of endpoint addresses associated with a participant of the plurality of participants, with a network and with a media type; and select an appropriate endpoint address from the participant’s client device based on a type of request, the network and the media type.

Support for these limitations can be found at least in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the instant invention. Applicant does not believe that the cited art teaches or suggests such limitations.

For the reasons described above, Applicant respectfully believes the current independent claim, as well as the claims that depend from it, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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